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MANCHESTER RESIDENT SENTENCED FOR COUNTERFEIT CHECK SCHEME

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE -- United States Attorney Tom Colantuono, Kenneth W. Kaiser, the Special Agent in Charge of the Boston Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Michael T. French, the Chief of the Goffstown, New Hampshire Police Department, announced today that John Doherty, a resident of 510 Havey St. in Manchester, New Hampshire, received a prison sentence of twelve months and one day for his participation in a counterfeit check cashing scheme.

Doherty was arrested for the bank offense by a Goffstown Police Officer in April 2005. When Doherty pleaded guilty to the offense in December 2005, he admitting to cashing twenty-seven counterfeit checks, totaling approximately \$154,200, at branch offices of the Bank America in New Hampshire. Doherty received a small percentage of each counterfeit check that he cashed. The remainder of the money went to another person who had recruited Doherty to the scheme.

Following today's court hearing, United States Attorney Colantuono stated, "This office will aggressively prosecute all forms of financial institution fraud and the people who commit these types of crimes should be prepared to go jail."

This case was prosecuted by Bob Kinsella.